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PRESS ADVISORY * PRESS ADVISORY * PRESS ADVISORY Hoosick Street To Reopen Tonight

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(September 20, 2005- TROY)- Barring unforeseen circumstances the City of Troy will reopen Hoosick Street this evening at approximately 10 p.m. Police Detective Sergeant John Cooney will e-mail all media outlets when it officially reopens.

City crews from the Department of Public Utilities, Public Works, and the Police Department have been working diligently since yesterday afternoon when a 12-inch water main broke at one of the busiest intersections in the City. Immediately the road was shut down and detours were put into place to ease the traffic flow in and around Hoosick Street. Throughout the night crews worked to find and repair the water main break, and are now in the process of paving the stretch of road from 15th Street to 13th Street where water damage ruptured part of the street.

Mayor Harry J Tutunjian, who was on the scene until 3 a.m. when water was turned back on in the area, said Tuesday afternoon he was proud of all the City employees who worked hard to ensure that one of the busiest roads in the Capital District was closed for no more than one day.

"This is a clear example of what can be done with dedication and preparation," Tutunjian said. "We had a plan in place immediately following the water main break, and City crews have been working attentively to fix the problem in a timely manner. Barring any weather or equipment delays we are proud to say the road will be open for the morning commute on Wednesday."

The Rensselaer County Department of Health has issued a boil water <u>advisory</u> for any home or business between 13th and 16th Streets on Hoosick Street. It is only an advisory and not mandatory.